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CHRIS TUCK NAMED "SCHOOL NURSE OF THE YEAR"



Chris Tuck, RN, MS, was honored as the Kansas School Nurse of the Year by her school district and the Kansas School Nurse Organization (KSNO) in July at the Kansas School Nurse Conference in Wichita. Chris was nominated by her district superintendent and administrators at Seaman USD 345, Topeka, for her professionalism, dedication, compassion and leadership displayed in her work with students, student families and school staff on a daily basis. More than 400 school nurses, Chris's district superintendent and her family were present when she accepted the award. Tuck credits her success in school nursing to the mentoring of her colleagues in nursing, membership in professional organizations, knowledge gained from educators and students in the Seaman school district, and the support of her family.

Chris has 30 years of experience in nursing. Fourteen years of nursing were spent in pediatrics in hospital and clinic settings, 16 years in school nursing; 13 years at Seaman USD #345 and three years at the Kansas Department of Health and Environment as the Child and School Nurse Consultant. In addition to serving as the school nurse for Seaman High School, Chris is the director of

health services for the Seaman school district. Tuck serves as the membership chair for KSNO, serves on various committees advocating for the health of children, active with the American Lung Association (Awarded "Lung Health Champion - 2005" for her outstanding leadership to prevent lung disease and promote lung health, "Open Airways" National American Lung Association Award 1998), and recently accepted an adjunct professor position with Friends University.

CONGRATULATIONS Chris!



Chris Tuck pictured with her family

HEALTH CENTER HONORED

BY JOHNSON & JOHNSON AND UCLA'S ANDERSON SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT



Lyon County Health Department/Flint Hills Community Health Center, in Emporia, and Lougene Marsh, executive director, are the 2006 recipients of the Johnson & Johnson Community Healthcare Improvement Project (CHIP) Award. The Award provides a \$2,000 grant to a graduate of the Johnson & Johnson/UCLA Health Care Executive Program who demonstrates success in developing and implementing strategic planning initiatives for their organization, as well as a \$3,000 grant to the graduate's community-based organization. The recipients are selected by the Anderson School of Management at the University of California, Los Angeles, UCLA.

Marsh, a 2004 graduate of the Johnson & Johnson/UCLA Health Care Executive Program, was recognized for increasing the availability of affordable pharmaceuticals to patients of the Lyon County Health Department/Flint Hills Community Health Center. Through development of a drug pricing initiative and the successful lobbying of the Kansas legislature for funding, Marsh provided significant discounts to more than 450 patients. Her efforts have facilitated a number of similar programs in the area. In receiving her CHIP award Marsh states, "My participation in the program enriched my professional development, which allowed me to make a positive impact not only in the lives of the patients of Flint Hills Community Health Center, but also in the lives of the patients of community health centers and privately funded primary care clinics across Kansas."



"It is a true accomplishment that the Johnson & Johnson/UCLA Health Care Executive Program provided Marsh with the requisite tools and approaches to identify and respond to a critical patient need, and change state legislation," says Joanne Fillweber, manager, medical affairs and corporate contributions, Johnson & Johnson. "By doing so she has confronted a mounting challenge in community health care."

The Lyon County Health Department/Flint Hills Community Health Center serves the uninsured and underinsured residents of Lyon, Chase, Greenwood, and Osage counties. Promoting the health and well-being of the entire community through a range of services, the health center contains primary care, public health, and dental clinics, and provides family planning and maternal and infant education and counseling.

Johnson & Johnson is the world's most comprehensive and broadly based manufacturer of health care products, as well as a provider of related services, for the consumer, pharmaceutical and medical devices, and diagnostics markets. The more than 230 Johnson & Johnson operating companies employ approximately 116,200 men and women in 57 countries and sell products throughout the world.

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING STORY



In 1977, David Olds, Ph.D., began developing a nurse home-visitation model designed to help low-income, first-time mothers take better care of themselves and their babies. Nearly 30 years later, with support from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and others, "Olds Model" has bloomed into the Nurse-Family Partnership, a nonprofit organization serving more than 20,000 mothers in 20 states. Today, despite decades of evidence confirming the efficacy of the program, as well as recognition at the highest levels, Olds continues to refine his model, still dedicated to helping mothers provide the many things their children need.

There were certain elements about the home visitation program that Olds knew had to be present to ensure a positive impact. Those elements included:

- ✓ The program had to work with first-time parents.
- ✓ The program had to be conducted in the home.
- ✓ The program would rely on nurses as in-home visitors.
- ✓ The visits would begin during pregnancy.
- ✓ The program would have three major goals:
 - To improve pregnancy outcomes by improving women's prenatal health.
 - To improve child health and development by reducing the amount of dysfunctional care giving for infants.
 - To improve the mother's life course by helping her develop a vision for her future, plan future pregnancies, stay in school and find employment.

New data from a 15-year follow up of the Olds Model in Elmira, NY, shows positive effects on nurse-visited families more than a dozen years after the visits were concluded. Some of the metrics of success (from pregnancy through child age 15) include:

- ❑ 56 percent fewer doctor and hospital visits due to childhood injuries through child age 2.
- ❑ 25 percent reduction in cigarette smoking by mothers during pregnancy.
- ❑ 48 percent less incidence of child abuse and neglect through child age 15.
- ❑ 69 percent fewer convictions of nurse-visited children at age 15.
- ❑ 83 percent increase in workforce participation by low-income, unmarried mothers by the time their child is 4 years old.

Even now, with a 15-year longitudinal study further confirming the success of the Olds Model, David still speaks modestly about the work that has consumed the better part of his life.

Robert Wood Johnson released a report on 7/25/06 entitled "The Story of David Olds and the Nurse Home Visiting Program" at www.rwjf.org/files/publications/other/DavidOldsSpecialReport0606.pdf.

Please submit your public health nursing story with any photos to Public Health Connections and share public health nursing in Kansas. Anita Hodge, Editor, 785-368-8110 or ahodge@kdhe.state.ks.us or Pat Behnke, Assistant to the Editor, 785-296-1232 or pbehnke@kdhe.state.ks.us.

DONIPHAN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

by Toni Thompson

Amid the festivities of the Troy Sesquicentennial and the Doniphan County courthouse centennial, June 30-July 4, one could find relief from the heat with a cold bottle of water provided by the Doniphan County Health



Sheryl Pierce, RN, Administrator

Department/Home Health with the support of Atchison Hospital and Heartland Hospital. Sheryl Pierce, RN, administrator of the health department, with the help of Ramona Gilfillan, Kay Smith and Cathi Floyd were on hand to pass out the free bottles of water. This was one of many attractions at the health department during the celebration weekend.

Sheryl's welcoming smile encouraged participants to view the health department's display. Points of interest were educational information concerning health and safety, along with "freebies" provided by KDHE's Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program. One didn't have to look far to find medical memorabilia being displayed. Some of these items included bricks with the well known phrase "Don't spit on the sidewalk." There was also information about Dr. Samuel Crumbine and his impact on public health. Red, white and blue balloons were available for the children.

Approximately 700 people attended the festivities. Sheryl and staff received a heartfelt thank you from the Troy Celebration Committee.

NEW DENTAL CLINIC OPENS

*Submitted by Ruth (Toni) B. Pickard, PhD
Executive Director, Healthy Options for Kansas Communities (HOP)*



On July 17 after two years of planning, Healthy Options for Kansas Communities opened a new community dental clinic. The three-chair clinic is located in Planeview.

Healthy Options for Planeview (HOP) is a community-campus educational and outreach program affiliated with the Department of Physician Assistant at Wichita State University. The Planeview dental clinic offers cleanings, x-rays and primary care dentistry such as fillings and extractions. Clinic hours are 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Mon., Tues., Wed., and Fri. The clinic accepts Medicaid, HealthWave and private insurance. Interpreters are on site during all clinic visits.

Many people helped to make this clinic a reality including the Knight Foundation, the United Methodist Health Ministries Fund, the Wiedemann Foundation, Hospitals of Hope, Wichita Community Foundation's Donor Directed Fund, GraceMed Clinic, Sullivan & Schien, Patterson Dental, Proctor & Gamble, Hu-Freidy, Via Christi Health Systems, Dr. Mathews, Dr. Mark Schneider, Cr. Charlotte Turner-Williams, Great Image Design, Kappa Delta Chi Sorority, Inc. at WSU and Patty Seery. A special thanks goes to HOP board members as well as to the members of the dental advisory committee for their assistance.



Charlotte Turner-Williams, DDS; Lourdes Vazquez, MS, RDH, Clinic Manager; and Priya Jayaraman, BSD, MPH, dental assistant, prep for patients.

KANSAS LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT WORKFORCE NEEDS ASSESSMENT

The Kansas Local Health Department Workforce Needs Assessment was completed in 2005 in cooperation



with the Heartland Centers for Public Health and Community Capacity Development at the Saint Louis University School of Public Health. The results of that report are now available.

The Purpose: to assess *perceived* training needs and interests among the Kansas local public health workforce.

The Goals:

- ✚ Use public health competencies as a framework
- ✚ Identify personal ability and importance to job
- ✚ Assess barriers and facilitators to training
- ✚ Determine best methods for delivery of training

There was a 76 percent response rate to the survey. A training needs score was calculated by participants rating their personal ability in each public health competency (rating 1 – 4) and subtracting the importance to their job (rating 1 – 4). A negative score indicated a need for training.

See the complete report for the top training needs identified, and the top training motivators and barriers of the Kansas local public health workforce at:

www.dhe.state.ks.us:8080/trainlive/Brochures/KSLocalReport4_19_06_final.pdf

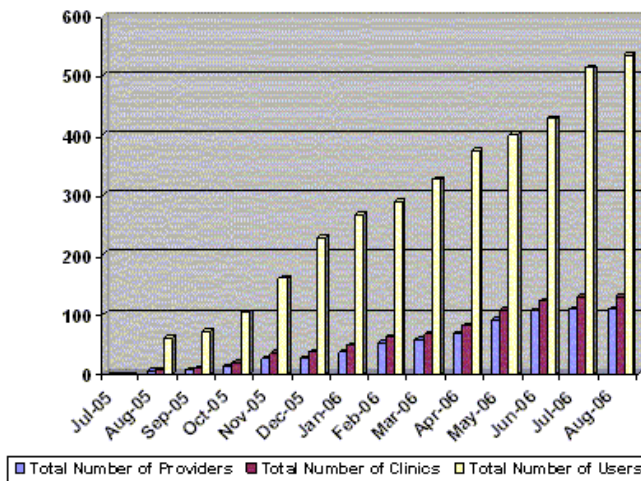
Those participating in the survey were able to retain a copy of their personal top training priority scores. A new document, **"Recommendations For Professional Development"** has been created to help sort through training available in public health competency areas. Activities are also listed that can increase competency areas. This document will be updated as new training is available. It is listed in the top left hand "Spotlight" corner of the home page of KS-TRAIN at: <http://ks.train.org> and at: www.dhe.state.ks.us:8080/trainlive/Brochures/Professional_Development.pdf

For questions regarding the survey or "Recommendations for Professional Development," please contact Linda Frazier, Public Health Workforce Coordinator at 785-296-3641 or lfrazier@kdhe.state.ks.us.

THE KANSAS IMMUNIZATION REGISTRY, KSWEBIZ, IS ON A ROLL!

*By Deborah Warren, Program Analyst – KIIS Coordinator
KDHE Immunization Program*

Total Providers, Clinics and Users: July 2005 - August 2006



The system has been deployed to 85 providers. There are now 535 end-users on KSWebIZ, which is currently maintaining information on 650,677 patients with a total of 2,840,699 vaccinations. Forty-one local health departments and 44 private providers are online and accessing KSWebIZ directly.

The remaining local health departments and some private doctors will interface with the registry and exchange immunization information "behind the scenes." These providers can continue to use their internal clinic management systems (i.e. QS and PHClinic) for public health departments and many private provider systems as well. Updated data will be sent from these systems to the registry and vice versa. This process is the second phase of the Kansas immunization registry project whereby providers continue to use their respective systems to share

immunization data. Having this data exchange in place, results in building immunization records that are the up-to-date, complete and eliminates the need for data entry into two separate systems.

The registry team met with representative school nurses at the Kansas School Nurse Conference in July. We have begun to capture input from these end-users which will be used to design and implement the system customizations required by school nurses. We have designated 10 of these users to comprise an advisory committee. Over the coming months we will be working with this committee to develop the system changes so that school nurses will have the ability to look up student immunization status as they enroll for each school year and provide the registry with valuable legacy data.

We have been working with health plans to design a two-way interface that will allow health plans to request immunization information on a list of their *specific health plan patients* and will also send updated information back to the registry on these identified individuals. It is anticipated that this interface will be completed by the end of the first quarter of 2007.

We are extremely excited about the progress that has been made and will keep you updated monthly in this newsletter. Thanks to all who have supported this effort!

KPHA BASKET SILENT AUCTION

A new activity for the 2006 KPHA Conference, Sept. 26-28, in Topeka, this year is the Great Basket Auction. Who should consider donating a basket of unique items?

- Individual Counties
- Public Health Regions
- Affiliated Organizations
- Vendors

This is a great opportunity to showcase your community, county or organization! Celebrate the great state of Kansas with:

- Items and products produced locally
- Materials featured in projects/programs
- Fun and delicious items

For more information contact: Alice Weingartner 785-368-2039 or Gloria Vermie at 785-291-3796

- Baskets for the auction can be dropped off at the conference registration table.
- Bidding to take place throughout conference with final bids accepted on the last day.



KS-TRAIN TIPS

[KS-TRAIN](#) now has over 7,000 Kansas learners! 307 new courses have been posted to the learning management system since 2004 with 609 live sessions for training opportunities.

[Click Here](#) for technical assistance with KS-TRAIN or call 785-296-5666 (Monday-Friday 7 a.m. – 5 p.m.)

Live Events Posted on KS-TRAIN <http://ks.train.org> (Not all courses/dates/sessions that are posted on KS-TRAIN are listed below)

Log on to TRAIN, [click here](#). **Click the course title and "Refresh" button.**



- ✿ [Preparedness Planning for Schools](#), Sept 7, Topeka
- ✿ [KDEM Trng: Incident Command System \(ICS\) 300](#), Sept. 6-7, Topeka
- ✿ [KS-TRAIN Course Provider and Administration training](#), Sept. 7, Salina; Sept. 12, Topeka
- ✿ [HIV/STD/TB Issues in Corrections #4](#), Sept. 14, Wichita
- ✿ [Home Visitation Training](#), starting Sept. 12, Dodge City; and Oct. 26, Girard
- ✿ [KPHA 2006 Conference: Speaking a Common Language the New Voice of Public Health](#), Sept. 27-28, Topeka, [Complete Brochure!](#)
- ✿ [KDEM Trng: "Incident Command System \(ICS\) 400](#), Sept. 26-27, Topeka
- ✿ [Healthy Start Home Visitor Fall Training](#), Multiple dates/sites, Oct.-Dec.
- ✿ [Healthy Indoor Environments Conference, 3rd Annual 2006](#), Oct. 5-6, KCKS, [Complete Brochure!](#)
- ✿ [HIV Prevention and Behavior Change Counseling Strategies](#), Oct. 17-19, Wichita; Dec. 5-7 Emporia
- ✿ [WMD Emergency Medical Operations and Planning](#), Oct. 24-26, Wichita; Nov. 3-5, Oberlin
- ✿ [WMD Public Safety Sampling Techniques and Guidelines](#), Oct. 24-26, Wichita

FREE Web-based Courses Available through [KS-TRAIN](#):

- ✿ [Safe Mail Handling](#): **** Rating! This course is intended to provide guidance to both private and governmental employees that handle mail on a daily basis. Recognition and isolation of suspicious packages and letters, personal decontamination, and personal protective clothing as well as how to conduct a threat assessment are discussed in this course. Participants should expect to spend about 15 minutes to complete the entire course.
- ✿ [The Newest Immigrants, Low German Mennonites](#), Cyndi Treaster, Director of the Farmworker Program, KDHE, is the speaker. The course includes with permission, *Migration North, Mennonites from Mexico*, a video from the Mennonite Central Committee Canada. This course is approved for Healthy Start Visitor continuing education.

During the past eight years more than 5,000 Mennonites have moved from Mexico to work in agriculture in Kansas. These newcomers create a challenge for health providers and educators serving these families. The Kansas Statewide Farmworker Health program (KSFHP) has been providing services to this population for six years. Staff will present basic information about Mexican Mennonite history, culture, and language and will discuss the results of a 2003 survey regarding health needs in this community.

- ✿ [Sedgwick County MMRS: Mass Pharmaceutical Dispensing Medication Preparation Video](#) The *Mass Pharmaceutical Distribution Medication Preparation Instructional Video* was created by Sedgwick County MMRS as a way to train volunteers and just-in-time workers. It details the step-by-step medication preparation process for preparing Doxycycline. This video (VHS and DVD format) is available for purchase along with the *Mass Pharmaceutical Distribution/Dispensing Instruction and Operations Guide*.

CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY REVIEW



The Spring 2006 issue of the Consumer Product Safety Review is now available. You can see it on CPSC's Web site at the following link: www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/pubs/cpsr_nws40.pdf

AIR QUALITY AT HOME AND ON THE ROAD



*Submitted by Douglas Watson, Meteorologist
KDHE, Bureau of Air & Radiation*

There are many things you can do to improve air quality at home and on the road, but is there anything you can do at work? Absolutely! You and your co-workers can have a positive impact on air quality by using these easy strategies.

- **Bring lunch and skip a trip.** Bring your lunch or walk to a nearby restaurant and skip a car trip. For a large group, have lunch delivered to cut back on individual car trips.
- **Teleconference, telecommute or telephone.** Time is precious in the business world, and you can save both travel time and auto emissions by teleconferencing or videoconferencing. Working from home may also be an option.
- **Carpool to offsite meetings.** When you must meet in person, share a ride. If you carpool with just one co-worker, you cut emissions and fuel consumption in half.

You and your business have the power to drive change. For more ways workplaces can contribute to air quality improvements, please visit: www.marc.org/Environment/airQ/pdf/workplace_initiative.pdf

REGIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH MEETINGS

Central Region: Meetings are held at the Reno County Health Department, 209 W Second, Hutchinson 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Please contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639 if you have any questions. Dates are:

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| Sept. 27 | Nov. 21 | Feb. 28, 2007 | May 23, 2007 | Aug. 22, 2007 | Nov. 21, 2007 |
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North Central Region: Please contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639 for meeting locations. Dates are:

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| Oct. 24 | Dec. 19 | Mar. 27, 2007 | June 26, 2007 | Sept. 25, 2007 | Dec. ???? |
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Northeast Region: Meetings are held at the Curtis State Office Building, 1000 SW Jackson, Flint Hills Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Topeka, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Please contact Anita Hodge at 785-368-8110 if you have any questions. Dates are:

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| Sept. 14 | Dec. 14 | Mar. 8, 2007 | June 14, 2007 | Sept. 13, 2007 | Dec. 13, 2007 |
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Northwest Region: Meetings are held 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the NW Educational Service Center, Oakley. Contact Georgette Schoenfeld, RN, at Logan County Health Department for a lunch reservation at 785-672-4502. Please contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639 if you have any questions. Dates are:

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| Oct. 12 | Dec. 7 | Mar. 8, 2007 | June 14, 2007 | Sept. 13, 2007 | Dec. 13, 2007 |
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South Central Coalition: Meetings are held 9 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Ambulance Barn, Pratt. Contact Mitzi Hesser at 620-723-2136 if you have any questions.

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Southeast Region: Meetings are held 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Southeast District Office, 1500 W Seventh, Meadowlark Room, Chanute. Please contact Jon Anderson at 620-431-2390 if you have any questions. Dates are:

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Southwest Region: Meetings are held 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Finney County Administration Building, 311 N Ninth, Garden City. Please contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639 if you have any questions. Dates are:

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| Sept. 15 | Nov. 17 | Feb. 16, 2007 | May 18, 2007 | Aug. 17, 2007 | Nov. 16, 2007 |
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PANDEMIC PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE: AN EDUCATIONAL TOOLKIT

The Public Health Foundation has a new educational toolkit (developed by ToucanEd) designed for public health educators on the topic of pandemic influenza. Presenters have all the essential information needed to help others learn how to prepare for and minimize the effects of pandemic influenza or any other pandemic disease that a community might face.



Information provided includes:

- ❖ explaining pandemic influenza, its potential seriousness, and why avian flu is in the news;
- ❖ identifying what communities can do to prepare for a pandemic influenza;
- ❖ explaining the steps to be taken within communities to respond to pandemic influenza; and
- ❖ describing what health care facilities need to do to prepare.

The toolkit contains four PowerPoint presentations, checklists for pandemic preparedness; lively materials for children on proper handwashing, coughing and sneezing procedures; fact sheets on influenza and pandemic; and additional references and resources. A CD-ROM offers the materials in PDF format for easy reproduction and distribution, as well as links to a variety of Web resources. To order

http://bookstore.phf.org/product_info.php?products_id=505.

MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIST



The Johnson County Kansas Public Health Department is seeking a medical technologist on a full-time basis. The medical technologist assures standardization in all tests performed onsite; provides client education of laboratory tests and instructions; provides day-to-day supervision of all tests performed by nursing staff; reports abnormal test results to the appropriate person; obtains blood, urine and other samples from clients; calibrates laboratory equipment; runs all controls on a daily basis; completes daily decontamination of work area; maintains quality control and quality assurance in laboratory; and participates in Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) approved National Proficiency Test Program.

Requires a bachelor's of science degree in biology, chemistry or physical science. The successful candidate must possess one to two years of experience in high complexity testing for manual hematology. One year internship at an accredited hospital; medical technologist certificate; technical skill phlebotomy training and experience is also required. Requires a valid driver's license and a medical technologist license certification. Exposure to fumes and/or chemicals; travel required 10 percent of the time between two clinics. For complete details and to apply on-line, visit <http://hr.jocogov.org>; or fax resume to 913-715-1419; or mail to: Johnson County Human Resources; 111 S. Cherry, Suite 2600; Olathe, KS 66061.

CONFERENCES/TRAININGS/WORKSHOPS

Bridging the Gap - Medical Interpreter Training



Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), Office of Local and Rural Health (OLRH), is proud to announce its sixth year of sponsoring "Bridging the Gap" – Medical Interpreter Training. Medical interpreter training is 40 hours of intensive, interactive learning for bilingual participants. The projected outcomes are to train qualified bilingual individuals in medical/social service interpreting and to provide educational training to medical and social service providers on their legal obligations to provide language assistance to limited or non-English speaking clients. Jewish Vocational Service of Kansas City provides the medical interpreter training. The training sessions and contact information for registration are listed below:

Central Kansas

Newman Regional Health
 Nov. 6 – 10 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 Flint Hills Classroom (ground floor)
 1201 West 12th, Emporia

Northeast Kansas

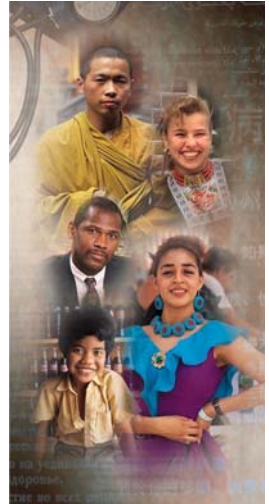
Lawrence Memorial Hospital
 Dec. 13-15 (Conference "A") & 18-19 (Auditorium) 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 325 Maine, Lawrence

South Central Kansas

University of Kansas School of Medicine - Wichita
 Apr. 16 - 20, 2007 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 1010 N Kansas (Meadowlark Room 1305), Wichita

Southwest Kansas

Area SRS Building
 June 4 - 8, 2007 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 1710 Palace Drive, Garden City



For more information or registration please contact Cathy Anderson at Jewish Vocational Service (JVS), 1608 Baltimore, Kansas City, MO 64108 or call 816-471-2808 ext. 124 or email Cathy at canders@jvskc.org. You may also contact Brandi Miller at JVS at 816-471-2808 or email bmiller@jvskc.org.

Billing Workshops

NE Billing Group meets at the Curtis State Office Building, 1000 SW Jackson, Flint Hills Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Topeka, 9 a.m. - noon. For more information, contact Anita Hodge at 785-368-8110. Upcoming dates:
 Nov. 2 Feb. 1, 2007 May 3, 2007 Aug. 2, 2007 Nov. 1, 2007

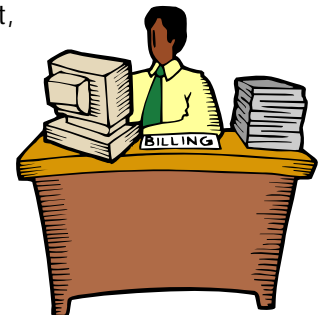
Billing Biddies meets 9 a.m. – noon. For more information, contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639.
 Upcoming dates:
 Sept. 6 Dec. 6

Billers Anonymous meets 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. For more information, contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639.
 Upcoming date:
 Nov. 8

Mission Impossible Group meets 9 a.m. – noon, Reno County Health Department, Hutchinson. For more information, contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639.
 Upcoming date:
 Nov. 21

KUG's For more information, contact Michelle Miller 620-675-8191 or mmiller@satantahospital.org.

Billers-R-Us meets at the district office in Chanute, Meadowlark Room, 9 a.m. - noon. For more information, contact Jon Anderson at 920-431-2390. Upcoming date:
 Oct. 10



KAN Be Healthy Nursing Accreditation



Kan Be Healthy (KBH) workshop will be held Sept. 12 from 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. at Washburn University's Benton Hall Room 407B. Registered nurses of the Kansas State Board of Nursing who are interested in KAN Be Healthy Nursing credentials to do wellness checks on children up to age 21 should contact Washburn University Division of Continuing Education for information and approval.

This classroom style, four-hour training session will discuss components of the orientation training manual. Following the training session and successful completion of the quiz, the

registered nurse will be notified of "approved" status, to provide KAN Be Healthy screenings. Cost is \$50 for the manual and open book test with four contact hours.

For registration information, contact Washburn University Division of Continuing Education, Joanne Ramberg, Coordinator KAN Be Healthy Program at 785-670-1399 or visit: www.washburn.edu/ce/health_care.

Kansas Annual Immunization Conference

The KDHE Immunization Project, is pleased to present the Kansas Annual Immunization 2006 Conference. This year's conference, "Healthy Kids in the Heartland," is designed to improve the immunization delivery system within Kansas by providing the most current information regarding immunization recommendations, preparing for emerging infections, and dealing with challenging issues and situations. The conference will be oriented toward physicians, nurses, pharmacists, and other health care professionals interested in pediatric and adult immunizations. Scheduled speakers include physicians, public health officials and pharmacists. Continuing education credit hours have been approved for physicians, pharmacists and nurses.



The conference will be held in Wichita on Sept. 19 - 21, at the Hilton Wichita Airport – Executive Conference Center. For questions and/or to register, please call KUMC AHEC at 620-235-4040. The pre-registration deadline is August 31. The Hilton Wichita Airport is located at 2098 Airport Road, Wichita. For hotel reservations, call 316-945-5272.

Speaking a Common Language: The New Voice of Public Health KPHA 2006 Conference:

September 26-28 - Capitol Plaza Hotel, Topeka



The Kansas Public Health Association 2006 Conference will be held at the Capital Plaza Hotel in Topeka on Sept. 26-28. The conference will focus on creating a common language for public health in communities and in the workforce. There will be approximately 20 breakout

sessions to give you the opportunity to learn about all the activities within public health that are uniting and working to produce the same message throughout all of our health networks in Kansas. With the Kansas Health Foundation grants to KPHA and KALHD, this effort began from a vision and is now becoming a reality. You won't want to miss this opportunity to meet,

learn and share with colleagues during these exciting times in public health. As the largest and oldest state public health organization, KPHA has once again planned a terrific conference. You can register for the conference through KS-TRAIN at <http://ks.train.org>. Click the following link to download the conference agenda www.kpha.us/pdfs/2006_registration_brochure.pdf.

3rd Annual Diabetes Quality of Care Conference October 2-3 at the Radisson Broadview Hotel, Wichita

This conference will provide a unique experience for those interested in improving the quality of care for people with diabetes. The content of the conference will enhance understanding and increase knowledge about diabetes standards of care related to clinical and programmatic perspectives. This conference is designed primarily for physicians, nurses, medical managers and medical staff as well as other team members involved in providing care for patients with diabetes.

Registration is \$75 and the deadline is September 18. Registration covers meals, breaks, materials and admission to all sessions. Limited walk-in registration will be available, however, meals will not be guaranteed.

The conference will be held at the Radisson Broadview Hotel, Wichita. A block of rooms has been reserved at the conference rate of \$72 for single or \$82 for double, per night plus tax, if your reservation is made by September 1.

Continuing Education Credits are available. For physicians: KU Medical Center Office of Continuing Medical Education designates this educational activity for a maximum of 13 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)[™]. Nurses will receive continuing education credits of 15.4 contact hours.

For more information contact Kate Watson, Diabetes Prevention and Control Program, 785-291-3739 or kwatson@kdhe.state.ks.us.

International Symposium on Usher Syndrome and Related Disorders



Colleagues interested in combined hearing and vision loss are invited to Omaha, Neb., on October 4-6 to attend a symposium on Usher Syndrome and related disorders. This conference is designed to facilitate the exchange of ideas between clinical researchers and basic scientists to improve our understanding of the normal and pathologic processes that are involved in combined hearing and vision loss disorders. This is the first symposium of what will be a continuing sequence of meetings on the subject.

The symposium will involve keynote presentations by leaders in the field, free oral papers and poster sessions. Oral presentations will be cast live over the Internet and will be available as published material to scientists, clinicians and the public. Boys Town National Research Hospital Omaha and Sahlgrenska University Hospital in Gothenburg, Sweden are sponsoring this symposium. For additional information including agenda, registration, lodging and travel visit:

www.sahlgrenska.se/vgrtemplates/Page_38539.aspx#

Indoor Air Quality Training - Live Video Conference

Are you frequently asked questions about indoor air problems such as moisture, mold and carbon monoxide? By participating in a four-hour training class you will learn what can affect air quality at home or work, and how to respond to such questions from the public. The class will be broadcast live to each KDHE district office from 12:30-4:30 p.m. on November 13. There is no charge for the class.

If you missed the Indoor Air training class that was given at several of the district offices this past summer, you can attend this session. You will be able to watch the video conference at your nearest KDHE district office or you can attend the live version at the Curtis Building in Topeka.

The training is intended for health department personnel, county sanitarians, child care licensure personnel, KDHE staff, extension office personnel, and other state or county employees who need to learn how to assist the public with indoor air-related problems. The goal of KDHE, Bureau of Air and Radiation, is to have at least one person in each Kansas county trained to respond to indoor air problems.

Encourage anyone interested in participating in this informative class to register on KS-TRAIN. For more information contact Joyce Barrett at KDHE, 785-368-6683 or jbarrett@kdhe.state.ks.us.

Healthy Indoor Environments 2006 Conference

Third Annual Healthy Indoor Environments Conference, October 5 & 6, at Jack Reardon Center in Kansas City. Register on KS-TRAIN at <http://ks.train.org>. If you have any questions call 800-223-4025 or email HIEC@yahoo.com.

GENERAL WORKSHOPS

The Kansas State Board of Nursing lists continuing education of interest to the public health workforce: www.ksbn.org/cne/cnemain.htm

Kansas Division of Emergency Management:
www.accesskansas.org/kdem/training



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| 09/27/06 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. | The National Terrorism Preparedness Institute presents: "Live Response – Suicide (Homicide) Bombers" For more information on this free program, visit Live Response 27 Sep 06 , contact Ed Kronholm at 877-820-0305, or email dlnets@aol.com . |
| 09/29/06 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. | Public Health Grand Rounds presents: Pandemic Flu Preparedness: What Every Community Should Know For more information, visit course overview . |
| October 2006 | |
| 10/19/06 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. | Cities Readiness Initiative More information will be available at a later date. |
| 10/25/06 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. | The National Terrorism Preparedness Institute presents: "Communications, News, Equipment & Training" Save the date. For more information on this free program, contact Ed Kronholm at 877-820-0305, or email dlnets@aol.com . |



KAN Be Healthy RN orientation and training: www.washburn.edu/ce/kbh/training



Public Health Training Network Satellite Downlinks/Webcasts

To view a complete list of satellite downlinks and Webcasts go to the PHTN Web site at www.phppo.cdc.gov/phtn/default.asp Call Linda Frazier, Distance Learning Coordinator, at 785-296-3641 for assistance.

Pandemic Flu Web Site

The official U.S. government Web site for information on pandemic flu and avian influenza:
www.pandemicflu.gov/

Public Health Emergency Training:

The University of Minnesota's "Public Health Emergency Training," is a series of awareness-level online modules covering various topics related to emergency preparedness, including:

- Disease Surveillance and Investigation
- Contact Investigation
- Isolation and Quarantine
- Special Populations
- Disaster Mental Health
- Personal Protective Equipment (coming soon)
- Decontamination (coming soon)

See the link to this course under "announcements" on KS-TRAIN at <http://ks.train.org>

Terrorism and Other Public Health Emergencies: A Reference Guide for the Media: Presented by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Sept. 2005 www.hhs.gov/emergency/mediaguide/PDF/

Area Health Education Centers:



Look for AHEC's Web page at <http://kuahec.kumc.edu> or trainings at www.kdhe.state.ks.us under the "Additional PH Training Calendar"

NW Kansas – Register or call 785-628-6128

SW Kansas – Register or call 620-275-0259

SE Kansas – Register or call 620-235-4040

To Order Tapes/CDs:

Public Health Foundation Online Bookstore: <http://bookstore.phf.org/cat20.htm>

CDC BT programs: www.bt.cdc.gov/training/index.asp

Disaster Site Worker Outreach Training Program, OSHA:

www.osha.gov/fso/ote/training/disaster/disaster.html

Risk Communication Courses:

www.jhsph.edu/preparedness/training/online/riskcomm.html or in Spanish

www.cepis.ops-oms.org/tutorial6/index.html

Nursing Education

Ft. Hays Nursing: www.fhsu.edu/nursing

KU Nursing: KU has an online RN to BSN completion program:

http://www2.kumc.edu/son/vclassroom/rn_to_bsn.htm

Wichita State University: online RN to BSN: http://webs.wichita.edu/?u=chp_nurs&p=/rntobsnhomepage/

Washburn PHN Certification Program: www.washburn.edu/sonu or e-mail Dr. Janice Dunwell at:

zzdnwl@washburn.edu

ANA's Web site: www.RNCE.org

Other Continuing Education Online

The WALD CENTER: www.waldcenter.org

The Public Health Training Network: www.phppo.cdc.gov/phtn/default.asp

KDHE/KALHD Training Calendars: <http://phtc.calendarhost.com/cgi-bin/calweb/calweb.cgi>

Training Finder: Comprehensive database of distance learning course listings:

www.train.org/DesktopShell.aspx

The MMWR Continuing Education Program: www.cdc.gov/mmwr

MPH Kansas: <http://mph.kumc.edu>

National Library of Medicine: www.nlm.nih.gov

CDC BT Training: www.bt.cdc.gov/training/index.asp

The Illinois Public Health Preparedness Center: www.uic.edu/sph/prepare

Heartland Center for Public Health Preparedness: www.heartlandcenters.slu.edu/hc_preparedness.htm

Centers for Public Health Preparedness: www.phppo.cdc.gov/owpp/CPHPLocations.asp

Public Health Training Centers: <http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/publichealth/phtc.htm>

Other Public Health Workforce Development Centers: www.phppo.cdc.gov/owpp/resources.asp

Public Health Workforce Competencies

Bioterrorism and Emergency Readiness Competencies for all Public Health Workers:
www.nursing.hs.columbia.edu/institutes-centers/chphsr/btcomps.pdf

Competencies Feedback Project by the Council on Linkages Between Academia and Public Health Practice: www.trainingfinder.org/competencies/index.htm

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